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ASOSU election results finalized

■ Elections committee releases complete election results for 2014-15 House, Senate, SIFC

By **Tori Hittner**

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Associated Students of Oregon State University elections committee released the final election results, having officially filled all seats within the House of Representatives, Senate and Student & Incidental Fees Committee. Each elected candidate had to officially accept the position, which caused a slight delay in the finalization process.

"This was a petty, unprofessional election," said newly elected representative Andrew Futerman. "But every person who survived (the election) is ready to get work done."

Futerman and his fellow representatives will experience an unprecedented tenure, charged with the task of restructuring the House after an amendment creating constituency groups was given more than 90 percent voter approval.

Although no official restructuring plan currently exists, Futerman and several other congressmen have been brainstorming. Futerman said he hopes to create a five-year plan with tangible goals that would ultimately lead to each college being treated like

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Landlords concerned over scams

■ Housing department, property managers see increase in housing scams in Corvallis

By **Emma-Kate Schaaek**

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Craigslist Inc. has had a long, precarious background, but, in recent weeks, Oregon State University students have been victims of housing scams.

Many students use the website to search for housing in the Corvallis area. Property managers and individual landlords can advertise available listings, but it is becoming more difficult to tell a legitimate advertisement from a potential scam.

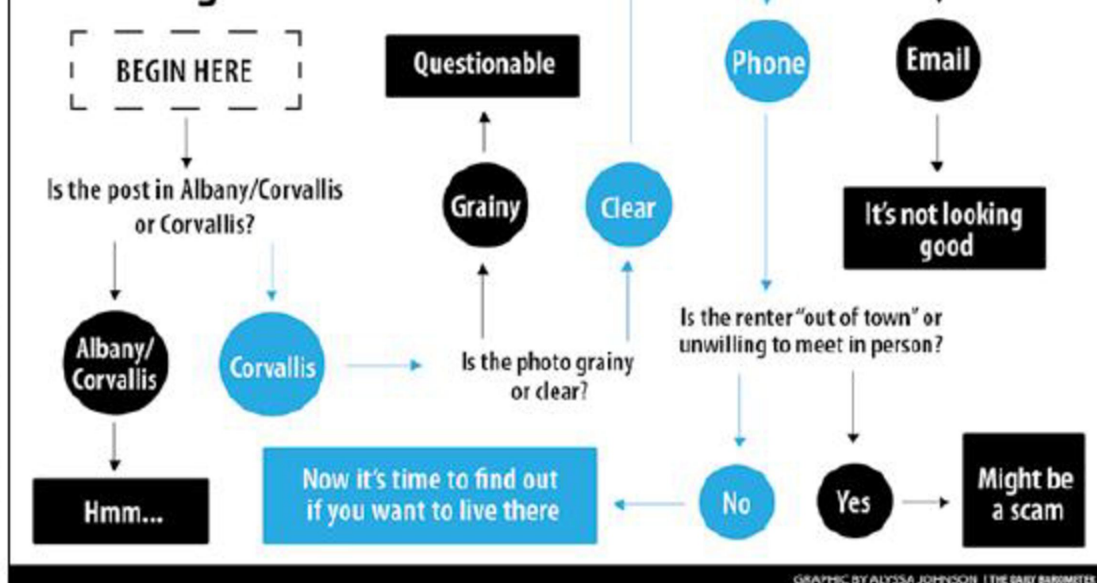
"Scammers are flagging property managers' ads and then replacing it with theirs," said Corvallis Housing Division manager Bob Loewen. "It's more sophisticated than it's been in the past."

The scammers can then steal the photos and wording from a property manager's post and pose it as their own.

"It's been devastating," said Dawn Duerksen of Duerksen & Associates Inc. "We're not even able to keep anything on Craigslist, because it's being flagged so fast."

Recently, many students have sent in deposits to what they assume is a reputable company, only to find out the scam after they lose their money and it's too late to recover.

Are you the next Craigslist housing scam victim?



GRAPHIC BY ALESSA JOHNSON | THE DAILY BAROMETER

"Once the money is sent, it's done," Loewen said.

Loewen and Duerksen strongly advise renters never to pay directly online or through the mail. Scammers will often say they can't meet in person, because they are out of town, or that

they can't show a property because they don't want to disturb a tenant.

"If you know you are renting from a company, then don't give anybody anything unless it's at the office," Duerksen said.

Although these scams are often

hard to identify online, there are some telltale signs that increase the odds of a particular post being illegitimate.

"Do a little more checking, and don't be so trusting," Duerksen said. If a post's contact information does

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Examining the university general fund

■ State funds nearly 20 percent of OSU's 2013-14 general fund

By **Sean Bassinger**

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Oregon State University's general and education fund for the 2014 fiscal year consists of around \$424 million.

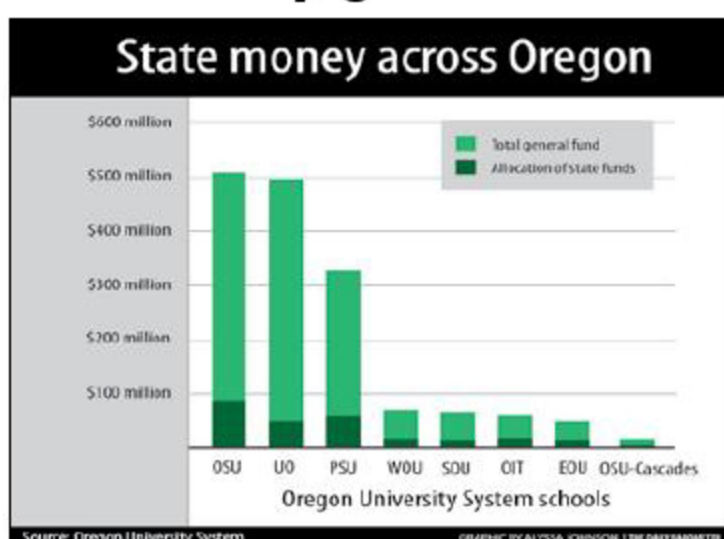
The fund, which primarily receives assistance from tuition, fees and state dollars, makes up part of OSU's overall operating budget. Out of the general and education fund, \$84.2 million comes from the state. The remaining amount, which is around \$339.5 million, comes from tuition dollars and student fees.

Sherm Bloomer, budget director at OSU, said in the OSU budget proposal that the general fund for this year is up by \$46.3 million, an increase of 12.5 percent from last year. As part of this, the current budget will support the addition of 32 new faculty and 17 staff positions.

In addition to providing support to departments and administrative offices throughout the university, \$101,000 recently came out of the general fund to settle a recent on-campus publication lawsuit.

The most significant change, Bloomer said in the proposal, will be the continuing transition toward an institutional governing board.

Compared to Portland State University and the University of Oregon, OSU receives between \$27.5 and \$36.3 more because of OSU's



Source: Oregon University System

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mission as a land-grant university.

Di Saunders, director of communications for the Oregon University System, said state-allocated general fund dollars also depend on enrollment numbers.

"As institutions increase enrollment, funding increases based on enrollment," Saunders said.

In addition, the Oregon University System grants state dollars based on enrollment demographics.

"If you bring in more Oregonians, students of color and students from rural areas, we'll give you extra funding for that," Saunders said.

In the future, Saunders said the new budgeting systems regulated by

the Higher Education Coordinating Commission will transition toward an outcomes-based budget model as opposed to solely relying on enrollment numbers.

"The funding (will be) based on how many students you graduate with degrees," Saunders said.

The OSU board of trustees comes into power July 1. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission will continue to review budget proposals for the 2015-17 biennium and submit their results to Gov. John Kitzhaber.

Sean Bassinger

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Discussions continue, work toward unification

■ Community dialogue raises awareness on campus, looks to bring faculty, students, administration together

By **Ria Rankine**

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Faculty, students and administration worked together Wednesday night to solve issues prevalent to Oregon State University.

The community dialogue was held at Joyce Collin Furman Hall with more than 50 people in attendance. The night's goal was to attack issues of prejudice and division on campus. In light of recent events, faculty, staff and students felt it was important to create an environment for the community to discuss topics creating divisions on campus.

Aaron Kratzer, a senior majoring in physics, co-hosted the event with Angelo Gomez, the interim executive director for the office of equity and inclusion.

In attendance to facilitate the event was Jennifer Almquist, associate director for the office of equity and inclusion. She sees the dialogue as an introduction to change.

"For tonight, we're going to listen," Almquist said. "That's the main purpose. We're not closed to any suggestions; there's nothing off the table."

Almquist hopes this night will be one of many ongoing discussions. As for making changes proposed in the dialogue, there is a possibility.

"We have faculty here who can bring content into their courses and help advocate for cultural diversity requirements," Almquist said. "I don't know what will happen, but there's definitely an interest in finding ways to be active and proactive."

Among the night's mission was the creation of one unified agenda on campus. Kratzer believes the dialogue will succeed in unifying the three most essential structures on campus: student, faculty and administration. For Kratzer, organization on these three levels is crucial for a safer community and students with a voice.

At this point, Kratzer sees a disconnection that needs to be corrected.

"There are a lot of departments designed to talk about diversity, but they aren't well funded, and they aren't visible to students," Kratzer said. "So maybe the administration is doing something, but it's not connected enough to students to make a difference."

Kratzer sees problems at the administrative and faculty levels but admits it's a complicated issue. While some faculty are advocating change, others are more passive. And while some administrative

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Thursday, April 17

Pandemic, got that pandemic

Someone reported a man arguing with a woman outside a car near the 2000 block of Tyler Avenue around 1 a.m. Upon arrival, Corvallis police searched Nicholas Stocker, 21. Police allegedly found syringes with numerous containers of heroin residue, a spoon, digital scale, marijuana and prescription medications belonging to someone else. He was arrested for unlawful possession of heroin, unlawful possession of a scheduled II substance and unlawful possession of marijuana, less than one ounce.

Friday, April 18

Your mixers to go aren't safe, freshmen Corvallis police contacted an 18-year-



Compiled from the Department of Public Safety, Oregon State Police and Corvallis Police

old female allegedly carrying an open container near the intersection of Harrison Boulevard and 25th Street. After inspection, the officer deemed the container to contain peach-flavored Burnett's Vodka and lemonade. The female was cited for minor-in-possession of alcohol.

Saturday, April 19

When will actual zombies hit Corvallis?

A man called Corvallis police to report a theft from his vehicle. Sometime during the day, a Nighthawk .45 cal global response pistol was stolen from his unlocked car. It was loaded with eight rounds of Hornady zombie personal defense rounds.

Should have battled it out on the dance floor

At approximately 2:07 a.m., Peacock Bar and Grill staff detained a 23-year-old male for allegedly fighting in the parking lot west of the establishment. There were no injuries, but the male was cited for violent conduct.

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Ousted Bend priest finds new calling

KTVZ

BEND — A new denomination of Catholicism is coming to Bend, and the leader is the very priest ousted by the Diocese of Baker, the governing body that oversees the St. Francis of Assisi Church.

And after a seven-month hiatus from ministering, Father James Radloff is eager to get back on the pulpit.

"Now I'm moving forward in a church that is very open, very transparent," Radloff said Tuesday.

The move comes after Radloff was removed from leading St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church by Diocese of Baker Bishop Liam Cary. Reasons for the dismissal haven't been made public, but Cary says Radloff didn't do anything illegal and remained a priest in good standing. After an unsuccessful appeal to the Vatican, Father Radloff has changed his tune with the Roman Catholic Church.

"I'm ending this abusive relationship," Radloff said. "No more little power-hungry clerics running around." He's also changing the denomination of his religion. "In the Evangelical Catholic Church, there's checks and balances," he said. "Bishops and priests are held accountable -- the people have a say." Radloff

is opening a branch of the Evangelical Catholic Diocese of the Northwest. The church, Holy Communion, will hold its inaugural mass this June. "It will be the exact same mass as the Roman Catholic Church, it uses the exact same prayers," Radloff said. Evangelical Catholic Church of the Northwest Bishop James Wilkowski said Wednesday he will be flying down from Chicago for the church's first mass and reception.

"Those who wish to embrace Catholicism for the first time will be impressed by the welcoming nature of our community, because we do not take people for granted," Wilkowski said.

Supporters of Radloff said the new church is the news they've been praying for.

"I just told him, 'Count me in -- I'm there,'" Bend resident Victoria Come' said. "I'd follow him anywhere. I was prepared to move." Followers said they're also prepared to embrace views frowned upon by the traditional Catholic church -- in the Evangelical Catholic Church, gay marriages are recognized, birth control is allowed and anyone can become a member of the clergy.

"My internal struggles that I've always

had with the church -- all of a sudden, it's groovy," Bend resident Cricket Daniel said. "I think we're going to see a lot of people return to the church, because they've always had issues and struggles with the black and white. I like the fact that this church is open to everybody."

Radloff said he admits the changes are foreign territory, but he's excited to move forward.

"God gave us brains, and we can use those brains in planning the size of our families," Radloff said. "No longer will people be forced to live in the culture of deceit. Most Roman Catholics are practicing birth control. Here, people won't have to lie."

Radloff said if he had the option now to return to his former position with the Roman Catholic Church, he wouldn't. "Now I can freely minister to all," Radloff said.

Holy Communion Church will hold an informational celebration on June 7th at the Riverhouse Convention Center at 7 p.m.

The inaugural opening mass will be held at the same location on June 8th at 9 a.m.

Audit finds East Portland lags behind in sidewalks, parks

By Amelia Templeton

OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

PORTLAND — The Portland City Auditor released a new report Wednesday on the history of services in East Portland, a collection of neighborhoods roughly bounded by the Columbia River, 82nd Avenue, and Johnson Creek. The audit found that residents there are less satisfied with their streets, parks, and water services than people in other parts of Portland.

The audit also confirmed that infrastructure and services in East Portland lag behind other parts of the city. For example, more than 40 percent of the busy streets in the area

have partial or no sidewalks, and more than 40 percent of the fatal traffic accidents in Portland happen in the neighborhoods east of 82nd Avenue. Residents are also less likely to live within walking distance of a park.

A recent OPB series and tumbler explored how these differences affect East Portland's youth.

Drummond Kahn, in the city auditor's office, says services tend to lag behind because the neighborhoods East of 82nd Avenue were only incorporated into the city in the 1980s and the 1990s.

Kahn says spending by city bureaus in East Portland is fair and generally proportional to

the percent of the city's population that lives there. But he adds that funding often goes to a different set of priorities there than it does in more established parts of the city. "If we're talking about a newer area of the city like East Portland, you might see more money spent for land purchases than for putting the finishing touches on a park," he said.

Meg Merrick, a community geography researcher at Portland State University, says the city recognizes it has a lot of work to do in East Portland due to the relative lack of infrastructure in the area, the history of recent annexation, and the diversity of the population. She says the audit would have been

more useful if it looked at how services like streets and parks vary across East Portland's many neighborhoods

"Since there's a lot of difference within those neighborhood districts, it doesn't reflect that, and it kind of smooths out the information, so you can't see the peaks and valleys," Merrick said.

Drummond Kahn, in the City Auditor's Office, said its difficult to get statistically significant survey data on satisfaction with services in each of Portland's 95 individual neighborhoods, so the auditor's office chooses to look at larger coalitions of neighborhoods like East Portland.

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Thursday, April 24

Meetings
Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. A discussion - A spiritual solution to economic challenges.

Speakers
College of Forestry, 3:30pm, Richardson Hall 107. Starker Lecture Series "Beyond Boundaries: Social Challenges and Opportunities in the Forest Landscape Management." Paige Fischer, Research Social Scientist, USDA Forest Service, Western Wildland Environmental Threat Assessment Center and PNW Research Station, Prineville. Reception to follow.

Events
International Students of OSU, 5pm, International Resource Center in the MU. Cultural Exposition. An exposition of culture through songs, poems, cultural stories and presentations of cultural items.

Friday, April 25

Meetings
OSU Chess Club, 4-6pm, MU Commons. Come play with us and learn more about this classic game. All skill levels welcome.

Saturday, April 26

Events
Student Health Services, Women's Center, CAPS, 9am registration/check-in, 10am race start, MU Quad. Move Toward Hope 5K/10K Walk/Run. A FREE event focused on increasing participants' awareness of sexual violence and the importance of bystander intervention in the prevention of sexual violence.

Monday, April 28

Events
Student Health Services, Women's Center, CAPS, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Film Screening: "Brave Miss World." The film explores the trauma and stigma of sexual assault, through one woman's inspiring journey from teenage victim to empowered survivor, lawyer and advocate.
Face AIDS, 6:30pm doors open, MU Ballroom. Condom Couture 2014. OSU's third annual Condom Couture Fashion Show. HIV/AIDS awareness event. All the outfits are made almost entirely of condoms.

Tuesday, April 29

Speakers
OSU Events, 7-9pm, LaSells Stewart Center. DISCOVERY Lecture Series. Adam Braun is the Founder and CEO of Pencils for Promise, an award-winning nonprofit that has opened more than 200 schools across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Events
Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority Inc., 5:30-7pm, Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez. Celebrating the 14th birthday of Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority Inc. Kappa Chapter. Small presentation with cake & refreshments to follow.
Campus Recycling, 6-8pm, 644 SW 13th St. April Repair Fair - Receive free fixes for broken or damaged belongings and learn how to repair them yourself!

Wednesday, April 30

Meetings
College Republicans, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Come join us for discussion on current events in the state and nation.
W70SU, 5pm, Snell 229. OSU Amateur Radio Club meeting.

Thursday, May 1

Meetings
Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. A discussion - Empowerment of junior youth.

Friday, May 2

Meetings
OSU Chess Club, 4-6pm, MU Commons. Come play with us and learn more about this classic game. All skill levels welcome.

Carnival operator fined \$100,000 for unsafe rides

By Tracy Loew

STATESMAN JOURNAL
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SALEM — California has fined Beaverton-based Butler Amusements, the West Coast's largest carnival operator, more than \$100,000 for knowingly operating unsafe rides.

Butler Amusements is scheduled to run the carnivals at the Washington County Fair and the Coos County fair, both in July.

Cal/OSHA launched an investigation during the Big Fresno Fair last October after receiving a tip about safety concerns on rides owned by the company.

The investigator found that the Giant Wheel ride was missing all 12 bolts associated with the support leg flanges. A local news crew and the fair mascot were on the ride at the time.

The Flying Bobs ride was missing all of the lower cross bracing used for structural support, the investigator found.

"Thankfully, these violations were found before anyone was hurt," said acting Cal/OSHA Chief Juliann Sum. "Nevertheless, when amusement park

machinery is used without strict attention to safety requirements, citations will be issued."

California has a dedicated unit that inspects temporary and permanent amusement rides. In Oregon, no one oversees carnival safety.

Even worse, a state permit affixed to each ride gives the false appearance of oversight.

To get the permit, ride operators submit a form each year showing that the ride has had a yearly private inspection and is insured, and pay a \$28 fee, said Shane Sumption, statewide service manager for the Oregon Building Codes Division, which issues the permit.

Unlike many other states, Oregon doesn't independently verify the information on the form.

It doesn't require those private, contracted inspectors to be nationally certified.

It doesn't enforce safety rules or investigate or track accidents.

And it doesn't require ride operators to be certified or have a background check, although they must be at least 18 years old.

Investigators link bee die-off to unauthorized hives in Oregon

By Cassandra Profita

EARTHFIX

PORTLAND — Investigators have discovered 30 unauthorized commercial honeybee hives near the site of a large bee die-off in Sherwood southwest of Portland.

Observers reported thousands of dead honeybees on a busy stretch of Highway 99W on Sunday.

The die-off triggered concern in part because of a mysterious phenomenon known as colony collapse disorder that wipes out honeybee colonies. It also follows a massive bee die-off in a Portland-area Target parking lot last year that was caused by an ill-timed pesticide application.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture is investigating. Agency spokesman Bruce Pokarney said this time of year it's common for swarms of honeybees to leave their hives. He said officials now suspect the bee die-off may have been caused by traffic hitting a swarm of bees from the nearby hives.

"We're trying to figure out who owns those hives," Pokarney said. "It appears the bees in question did come from those hives."

Pokarney said investigators haven't found evidence that pesticides played a role in the die-off. They're now planning to test the bees in the hives for signs of illness.

The hives were found on property owned by the City of Sherwood, but the city hadn't approved them.

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a state within the federal government.

In Futerman's proposed model, a set number of senators and representatives would serve each college, depending on its student population. Larger organizations, like the Greek community and cultural centers, could potentially receive representatives, as well.

Although Futerman's idea is still just that — an idea — he said he had faith in the newly elected Congress and believes it will be buoyed by legislators' ample experience and varied skillsets.

Current SIFC chair Priscilla Macy agreed that student government requires some renovation. It appears Congress will not be the only body to experience change next year.

"I look forward to another year of service and to the opportunity to implement positive change in our current policies and processes," Macy said. "As students, we are given this opportunity ... to implement change that will strengthen relationships between students and professionals at OSU and increase the access of services (for students)."

Macy was elected for an additional one year of service on the SIFC. She said she plans on using prior experience to help next year's committee adjust to the steep learning curve of the budgeting process.

Macy and Futerman appeared hopeful and enthused regarding the potential for increased student involvement and government transparency.

"No constituency elected me," Futerman said. "No constituency holds me accountable. With accountability comes better governance. With this new amendment, we have a unique opportunity to start from scratch and figure out a way to make our student governance operate in a manner that really makes a difference."

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departments wait for "students to rustle feathers," as Kratzer put it, other departments are taking action.

"Some faculty are very plugged in," Kratzer said. "Some parts of the administration act very well. ... I think the idea of a university is to give students a form of communication, but sometimes that's focused on academic communication."

Holding community dialogues this is one way the university can work toward community empowerment. Kratzer also believes the way issues are presented, and when they are presented, is essential. He isn't the only student with these concerns. Anderson DuBoise, a junior double majoring in education and ethnic studies, collaborated with Gomez and Kratzer to plan the night's dialogue. He believes there are far too many students who don't know what's happening on campus, which is largely due to issues at the administrative and faculty levels.

"To have that communication between the different divisions of student affairs and academic affairs is important," DuBoise said. "They have to be in the know and connected to the students. ... The leadership should lead."

Without strong leadership and communication, DuBoise said too many important issues slip through the cracks.

"Our community needs to work on community empowerment," Kratzer said. "That's where we need to go from here."

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Portland city employee arrested in alleged car theft conspiracy

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PORTLAND — The Portland Police Wednesday arrested a city employee for her role in an alleged car theft conspiracy.

Barbara Peterson works in the Portland Bureau of Transportation's Abandoned Auto Section. She has been with the department for 20 years.

Portland Police spokesman Pete Simpson says Peterson's job was to place tow notices on cars that appeared to be abandoned, and to arrange for them to be moved to a storage yard.

"Some of those cars that she was tagging for abandonment were not sent to the tow yard; they were immediately picked up by the illicit tow driver and were taken and crushed and towed for scrap metal."

Peterson was allegedly receiving cash in exchange for the cars.

She has been booked in Multnomah County jail on counts of official misconduct and conspiracy to commit auto theft.

Simpson says a grand jury will consider those charges next week.

A spokesman for the Bureau of Transportation says it is cooperating with the police and will also conduct its own investigation. He says Barbara Peterson is still employed by the city of Portland, and is considered on unauthorized leave while in jail.

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not list a phone number or has a Hotmail email address, then it is best to avoid it.

"Most legal ads have a Craigslist-generated name," Loewen said.

A post described as located in Corvallis/Albany Oregon, rather than Corvallis specifically, is likely to be a scam.

"No local people advertise like that," Loewen said.

Grainy photographs are often good indicators as well, suggesting the photo was stolen from a property manager's site.

Names were not provided for students who were victims of any of these scams.

If students, or any renters, have any concerns

about the renting process, they are encouraged to contact the Housing Division in Corvallis before making any permanent decisions.

"Ask questions; there are lots of resources," Duerksen said.

There is a collaboration of companies in Corvallis, The Rental Property Management Group, many of which have experienced concerns with Craigslist renting.

"They are welcome to call and come in, even if they aren't renting from us," Duerksen said.

The moral of the story?

"Don't just give anybody your information," Duerksen said. "Taking those few extra steps can make all the difference."

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Infield growing with one another



Junior shortstop CJ Chirichigno looks to throw toward first base against Oregon April 12.

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■ Oregon State's infield situation was unclear after last season, has come together as unit

By Josh Worden
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Just more than a month ago, the infield of this year's Oregon State softball team had all the necessary indicators of being in a chaotic mess.

The Beavers already had to replace First Team All-Pac-12 shortstop Liz Santana before first baseman Natalie Hampton, coming off a freshman campaign in which she set the OSU single-season record for runs batted in, was out for the 2014 season with an injury.

Third baseman Christie Langlois, batting a team-leading .435 in 2014, tore her ACL just eight days after the season-opener, leaving junior or second baseman Ya Garcia as the lone player in the infield from the previous year.

Despite the need to replace three-fourths of the infield, OSU has strung together a quality unit by using Garcia's veteran leadership as a building block.

Hannah Bouska stepped into the first base role — her first time at any level playing there — after spending her prior three years at OSU in the outfield.

Junior shortstop CJ Chirichigno transferred from Boston College to fill Santana's absence, saving the Beavers from having to scramble to fill one of the most critical defensive positions.

The fulfillment of the third base vacancy is still up in the air — freshmen Kiki Pepi and Amee Aarhus have split time at the hot corner to round out the infield.

Bouska, Chirichigno, Pepi and Aarhus will all attribute the infield's camaraderie in large part to Garcia.

"Ya is a great leader," Bouska said. "She's really easy to

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Rowing more complicated than meets the eye

■ Oregon State sports 2 top-tier rowing programs built on fundamentals, elite training

By Mitch Mahoney
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At its most primitive level, rowing seems like a simple enough sport. You put some people in a boat and off they go.

But when it comes to competitive NCAA rowing, there are countless fine details and intricacies within the sport. Subtle differences in a rower's technique or endurance can separate an elite program from a weak one.

Oregon State is one of the better rowing schools in the nation. The men's team is ranked No. 16 in the nation, while the women's team is just below

the cutoff of being ranked in the top 20, but each team is well versed in these finer details.

For starters, each race is 2 km long and takes somewhere around six minutes to complete. All the while, either four or eight collegiate athletes are propelling an aquatic vessel as fast as they can.

Each rower has not only to produce as much force as they can per stroke, but sustain that force for six grueling minutes. In an average race, rowers can expect to perform more than 200 stroke cycles.

"You're going all out for the distance of the course," said women's rowing head coach Emily Ford. "The stroke cycle has two parts — a drive and a recovery, so the time when the blade is in the

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Secondary primed for big season

■ Oregon State returns 3 starters, plenty of veteran leadership among defensive backs

By Andrew Kilstrom
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Senior cornerback Steven Nelson drops into coverage during a drill at spring practice April 9.

The usual routine after Oregon State football practices begins with Mike Riley addressing the team as a whole before dismissing players for brief meetings with positional coaches.

The majority of players fulfill any media obligations they might have before sauntering toward the relief of the locker room after a long and grueling two-hour practice.

There's usually a group of players missing among the mass of athletes filing toward the Valley Football Center, however. Chances are, Oregon State's secondary — the most experienced position on OSU's squad — is still on the far side of the field catching passes from a pitching machine designed to shoot footballs at high velocities.

Position groups as seasoned as Oregon State's might take solace in the end of practice, but the Beaver secondary is focused on one thing: creating turnovers.

"Our motto is no JUGS (the machine that shoots out footballs like passes), no picks," said senior free safety Ryan Murphy. "Usually, we've got a lot of guys over there on the JUGS machine getting extra work after practice. We treat that ball like it's \$1 million. You can't drop \$1 million."

The Oregon State secondary returns three starters from a year ago: Murphy, Tyrequek Zimmerman and Steven Nelson. All three are seniors and all three were impact players for the Beavers a year ago.

Zimmerman recorded a team-high 104 tackles in 2013, 61 of which were solo. Nelson added 62 as well as six interceptions in his first year with the Beavers after transferring from junior college. Murphy, meanwhile, is arguably the best of the bunch, accounting for three interceptions, a touchdown, 74 tackles (eight for loss) in his junior campaign.

Together, the group expects inter-
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Oregon State track heads back to Eugene for Titan Twilight

■ Oregon State competes in Titan Twilight Thursday, hosted by Lane Community College in Eugene

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The Oregon State track and field team has two meets over the weekend, the first is Thursday at the Titan Twilight, which Lane Community College in Eugene is hosting.

For this first meet, the Beavers will be sending mostly a group of track athletes with a few field events sprinkled in. In total, Oregon State will send 14 athletes to the meet.

The Beavers will start the event at the high jump with freshman Allison Jackson, sophomore Jessica Lautenbach and junior Justine Bird. They will be followed by freshmen Helen Ann Haun and Annie Sidor in the pole vault. Sidor set a personal record in last weekend's meet with a vault of 11-3 3/4.

The track events will start after that with freshman Monica Anderson, redshirt sophomore Haley Hunt and redshirt senior Hilary Sharpe, all of whom will all compete in the 1,500-meter.

all sprints on the track, starting with freshman Kaylene Rust and junior Kaitlyn Mason in the 100-meter. It will be the first 100 of the season for Mason and the second for Rust.

Rust will also compete in the triple jump alongside Bethany Imperial, who put herself in fourth on OSU's all-time list last weekend with a jump of 35-3 3/4.

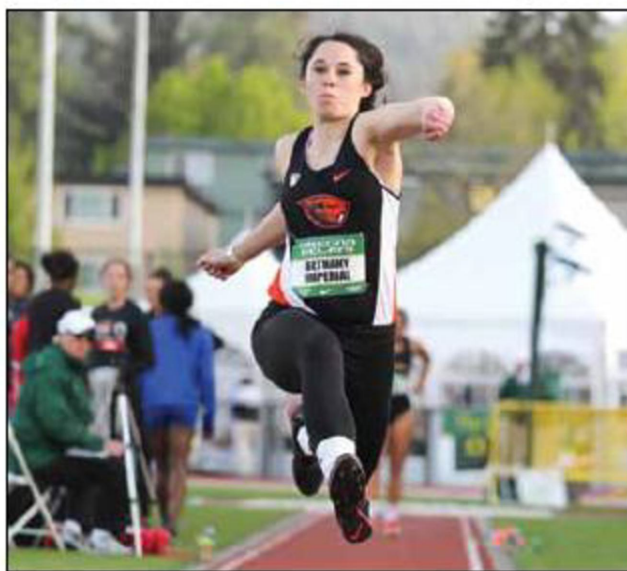
Freshman Tricia Ingraham will be competing in Thursday's meet as well, throwing shot put for the Beavers.

To close out the meet, the Beavers will send out three sprinters: redshirt junior Lacey London, sophomore Ryan Cope and Imperial. London will compete in the 800-meter and Imperial will run in the 200-meter.

Cope, OSU's lone male runner, will be competing in only his fifth race so far this year. Thursday, he will be running the 400-meter hurdles, in which his PR for the year is 55.63.

OSU will also be sending a contingent of athletes to San Diego on Friday and Saturday for the Triton Invite at the University of California, San Diego.

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Sophomore Bethany Imperial flies through the air during the long jump at the Oregon Relays Saturday in Eugene.

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water versus when it's out of the water. In the time that the blade is out of the water, you're technically resting, but it's a very active recovery."

However, even the strongest, most well-conditioned athlete can be a poor rower. This sport rewards precision and punishes inefficiency. In other words, a boat moves the fastest when all of its forces add in the same direction.

In Varsity 8, 2V8 and 3V8 boats, there are forces from eight different oars and eight different human bodies, which all have to synchronize with each other. Extraneous up-and-down movements will cause the boat to pitch or bounce along the water, while extraneous side-to-side movements cause the boat to roll — all of this is energy that could have been spent pushing the boat down the course.

"You want your motion to be pretty much horizontal and steady between the gunnels," Ford said. "You don't want to be bobbing back and forth, and you don't want to be lifting up and pushing down a lot."

"When you're lifting the boat up out of the water, it will press back down and displace water. Every time you're displacing water, you're creating drag, so you really want to get the boat horizontal and skim across the water."

These extraneous movements can become more pronounced when rowers are fatigued, which is why rowing training is vigorous.

"That's why we train a lot," Ford said, "so that we improve our fitness to the point where when we are seriously fatigued, we're still rowing with decent technique and we can still perform race after race after race."

Then there are anatomical characteristics that coaches look for in a premier rower. In general, height, long limbs, leanness, aerobic capacity and force production are among the more important traits.

When a rower is taller and has long limbs, they are able to move the oar through the water in a greater range of motion.

"Length is really important in your stroke," Ford said. "You want your blade to follow the longest arc that it possibly can. The first thing that comes into play there is your anatomy, and your ability to get it through a long arc. The second thing is going to be your technique and your ability to manage the blade well enough to use all the length that you have."

There are several things that rowers have to balance. Their stroke has to be long and powerful,

but at the same time, it has to be smooth and efficient. Additionally, all this has to be in sync with every other rower in the boat.

"Rowing is such a great team sport because everything has to be done in time with everybody else," Ford said. "You watch the way the bodies move together in the boat, you look at the way the oars move. It's important that everybody's trying to get those things to happen together, down to the finest details."

Women's rowing will demonstrate all this in their next event, a dual against Washington State, which will take place May 3. That same day, the men's team will be in Washington competing in the Opening Day Regatta.

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Emily Ford

Women's rowing head coach

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ceptions and expects to provide problems for opposing offenses.

"We've got a lot of leadership out of (Zimmerman), (Nelson), (junior cornerback Larry Scott) is coming along, and then myself, so it's an experienced group," Murphy said. "We know we can do some things out there."

Scott is expected to replace the graduated Rashaad Reynolds opposite Nelson at cornerback this season. The junior has been limited with a leg injury this spring, but has established himself as the clear frontrunner, according to both Murphy and defensive backs coach Rod Perry.

"He's been conserving his reps, but before his little injury, he was balling," Murphy said. "He worked hard in the offseason — everyone worked hard in the offseason — but especially him. He came in twice a day, working out, trying to seal his job."

"Larry has had a tremendous spring, and he's the guy that's at number one to replace Rashaad," Perry added.

Oregon State will also have to replace graduated senior Sean Martin, who played a significant role in OSU's nickel packages as the fifth defensive back.

While there's still a long time until the start of the season August 31 against Portland State, Perry said redshirt fresh-

man Dashon Hunt and senior Malcolm Marable have separated themselves as likely candidates.

Hunt was the 28th-ranked cornerback in the nation coming out of high school by Rivals and a four-star recruit, making him one of Oregon State's more highly touted signings in recent memory.

Murphy said he's lived up to the hype in practice this spring.

"Dashon, that's the young buck," Murphy said. "He's been playing with a lot of confidence, and when you play with confidence, you make plays. That's what he's been doing lately. We're trying to fit him into the scheme and fit him on the field, that way we can be better."

Marable, meanwhile, has bounced around the field, starting his Oregon State career as a running back before converting to cornerback. He's seen time on special teams, primarily as a kick returner, but has never seen consistent playing time in OSU's secondary.

Despite the duo's inexperience, he development Perry seen thus far in spring practice has been a revelation.

"Everyone's getting better and it's encouraging to see," Perry said. "Dashon is a player I'm really excited about, and Malcolm is another guy really coming along. I think we have four guys that can step up for us this season after seeing their development."

A major reason for OSU's



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Senior cornerback Malcolm Marable leaps for a pass in practice April 9.

improved depth is the leadership of Oregon State's senior trio.

For the secondary to build off last season's success, Murphy said the leadership aspect, as well as improved chemistry, is crucial. Oregon State has the veteran experience, now it's just a matter of gelling as a cohesive unit on the field.

"The main thing that would

be missing from losing (Reynolds and Martin) would be chemistry, but the guys we have now, the chemistry is being built," Murphy said. "Guys are hanging out with each other, guys are watching film together."

"We shouldn't miss a step come the season."

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listen to and knows what to say to us when we need to calm down. I'm adjusting well at first base, I feel like I'm doing pretty well. Ameer's killing it and CJ is always so good."

Chirichigno's arrival was particularly fortunate for the Beavers, because it prevented Garcia from having to move over to shortstop. In that case, junior center fielder Dani Gilmore would have taken over at second base, leaving her preferred spot in the outfield.

"It's not every day a left-handed center fielder plays the infield," Gilmore said. "I was definitely very gracious for CJ to come and take that off my plate. Getting CJ was a huge pickup for us."

Both in their junior years, Gilmore and Garcia are close friends on and off the field. They enjoyed playing the middle infield positions together in the offseason before Chirichigno transferred, but Gilmore was happy to return to center field when the opportunity arose.

"Ya and I are obviously really close," Gilmore said. "We do everything together and we were going to be playing next to each other. It was fun for the time being but center field is my spot. I would never trade that for anything."

For Garcia specifically, her new role as the unofficial captain of the infield came with added pressure.

"It made me push my leadership skills," Garcia said. "It made me talk more to every single person. It's pushing me to be a better leader. ... We're feeling each



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Second baseman Ya Garcia, shortstop CJ Chirichigno and first baseman Hannah Bouska confer against Oregon April 12.

other, CJ and I, in the middle. We're getting to know each other and the chemistry is good."

The chemistry that Garcia noted is unanimously agreed upon with other players. They have bonded together as if they have been playing on the same team for years.

"She's a blast," Bouska said. "Literally, there isn't one time we've ever been together where we're not laughing."

"CJ and I, we have a connection," Garcia added. "Not just because we play middle infield,

but because she understands me. She gets certain plays. ... And the fact that she can make me laugh is definitely a plus."

Garcia, a four-year starter at Angelo Rodriguez High School in Fairfield, Calif., has started all 156 games the Beavers have played since 2012. She is known for going above and beyond in her preparation when it comes to scouting opposing teams — OSU players have access to game film, but Garcia records the Pac-12 Network's broadcasts at her house as well, which allows her

to listen to the commentators.

Though Garcia has the most experience as an OSU infielder, Bouska has been in the program for nearly four years and has made a name for herself as a gritty, scrappy player.

"Hannah has a lot of heart," Chirichigno said. "Whether she looks good doing it or not, she gets the outs and puts her body in harm's way."

Chirichigno was not speaking metaphorically about Bouska, who hyperextended her elbow while at first base during a game earlier this year.

The Salem native is back and healthy now, especially important for an infield that receives a lot of ground balls due to the drop-ball tendencies of OSU pitchers.

In her last six starts, senior pitcher Amanda Najdek has induced 45 outs on ground balls, compared to 17 fly balls, meaning the infield gets the majority of the action on defense.

"Especially with Amanda, it is important," Gilmore said. "If those (ground) balls get through, they're base hits ... having the tight infield, especially with the drop-ball pitchers, is huge for us and our infield has done a tremendous job."

In her center field spot, Gilmore doesn't get as many fly balls as some other outfielders would on other teams. As long as the infield makes plays, however, she's OK with that situation.

"If the infield is doing their job, that means we're getting outs," Gilmore said. "I'm OK with being lonely out there."

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Slacker activism is still 'real' activism

The term "slactivism" — a combination of "slacker" and "activism" — has been used as both a condemnation and celebration of modern activists. Unlike in the 1960s, when protests and sit-ins formed organically and spread (relatively) slowly across the nation, groups today can form in seconds, decide on a plan for a protest and follow through on it simultaneously across the globe.

Proponents of the new era of activism cite the ease of communication as one of the major pros for the new century's activists. Detractors, however, argue that the majority of today's activists are just people sitting at home in front of their computers, signing online petitions, clicking "like" and reposting statuses so they can feel good about themselves.

Then again, isn't all charity really done so people can feel good about themselves?

We highly doubt most of the people who contributed to the Red Cross during the 2010 Haitian earthquake relief effort had any intention of heading to Haiti to help in person, or even comprehended the full scope of the disaster beyond what they learned from news blurbs. Regardless of whether the donations came from people who were truly activists for the cause, the Red Cross raised more than \$21 million solely from text message donations.

True, slacktivists and clicktivists aren't the activists of last century, or even the last millennium.

"Activism that challenges the status quo — that attacks deeply rooted problems — is not for the faint of heart," Malcolm Gladwell wrote in "Small Change: Why the revolution will not be tweeted" for the New Yorker.

But we have to ask ourselves: Is it the courage of the activists that is important, or the change that they effect? So we asked Jennifer Almquist, the associate director of Oregon State University's Office of Equity and Inclusion, whether she felt that the quality or the result of a movement was more important.

Almquist explained that it's difficult to separate the importance of the intent and the result of a movement. No matter the intent, you're responsible for the result — regardless of whether the result is seen as positive or negative.

She used the analogy that we all carry driver's insurance, even though if we ever rear-end someone, it's probably not because we were intending to.

Fender-benders are a negative result in Almquist's analogy, but it goes for positive effects as well. A movement can be started with good intentions and end poorly, start with good intentions and end well or start off as one thing and transform completely during the course of its existence.

If the same-sex marriage ban in Oregon is lifted, does it matter that the 160,000 names on Oregon United

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Baptist church spreads patronizing cookies, not bigotry

The Cedar Hills Baptist Church and the Westside United Methodist Church in Beaverton are going to celebrate a veritable "Day of Action" Sunday — a post-Easter way of getting out and helping in the community, according to a piece in The Oregonian by Anna Marum last week.

Patrons and other volunteers will make sandwiches and baked goods for hungry and homeless members of the community, the DMV, a local fire department and other localized businesses.

And the employees of the Sunset Strip Gentlemen's Club, located near



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the intersection of Oregon 217 and U.S. 26.

Rev. Curtis Buthe, the spearhead of this Day of Action, told The Oregonian in an interview that the baked goods for the exotic dancers are his congregation's way of saying that they have people praying for them and caring about their lives. "We want to let them know they're

not judged or condemned for working there," Buthe said.

He hypothesized that women who work at strip clubs may be caught in a cycle of poverty. The baked goods are intended to show his congregation's caring for the employees.

Reverend, I give you props on the cookies and the soothing, nonjudgmental plug. I approve that your congregation is advanced enough to mentally lump together the roles of firefighters and government workers in conjunction with exotic dancers (and the homeless). It gives me a smidgen of hope for the future.

But the very parental and patron-

izing tone of your mission has me on the rocks.

It reminds me of a question I found on the advice page of Christianity Today: "How Do I Treat Gay Friends?" The inquirer wanted to know "how do I explain to non-Christians that I believe this (homosexuality) is wrong without being a jerk?"

The response was gentle and explained that these gay friends should be shown the same love and respect that "Christ would show them" and that "You can show love to someone without approving of what they do."

There was also an uber-intelligent hypothesis at the end of the advice letter explaining that oftentimes people who think they might be homosexual are actually just very confused and probably come from a sexually abusive situation or from families with abusive or absent father figures.

Because, whether or not you have a dad totally determines whom you want in the sack with you. Or if you want to swing around a pole with underpants full of money.

While I do approve of this kinder, oh-you're-just-confused-right-now-but-Jesus-loves-you mentality far more than the angry, self-loathing antics of bigots (like the Westboro Baptist Church), it's still patronizing.

These type of things come from a parental mentality that ignores the fact that someone could have simply been born the way they are, or that it's possible to enjoy and want to pursue exotic dancing as an occupation. Instead, it forces an individual into a stereotype of a person, and applies personal, Puritanical prudishness to the scenario.

Such is evident in a Huffington Post piece from Belle Knox, a porn star who attends Duke University — she is also a sex-positive feminist and activist for sex-worker rights.

Knox often receives letters asking why she would choose porn, of all things, to pay off her student loans. "Apparently, because I didn't dream of living this life — because it was 'necessary' — it now somehow reverts to being morally wrong, and I become another pitiable whore to be dismissed at leisure," she wrote.

For Knox, porn is another job, another way to make money.

We all need money, whether we are doctors, McDonald's employees or exotic dancers. At least Buthe and his congregation are making a solid attempt at respect and equality. I hope that this continues to flourish.

Cookies are good — respect is better. The best combination is when these two forces are paired.

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Harassing customers may cause salespeople to lose profits

No one likes to get harassed in the grocery store.

It might be harsh, but it seems like every time we're minding our own business in a store, checking out the calories on something we shouldn't buy, someone comes up and asks us if we're finding everything OK.

We are, indeed, finding everything OK. Except now we sort of feel like we're being stalked — or worse, judged.

The first thing they talk to you about when you enter into the world of retail is customer service. Good customer service translates into good sales — usually. If your customers feel welcome and happy, they're more likely to buy things and come back.



Gabi Scottaline

I never understood why people thought the pushy salesman act worked.

There are plenty of other ways to get people to buy things they don't need or want that don't include harassing them. A pushy attitude can even make some customers want to run and hide.

Your friends and family are better salespeople than the aggressive employees at mall kiosks or the Bath

& Body Shop, because your friends already have a relationship with you. You trust them, even though maybe sometimes you shouldn't. So, when they suggest a product, you're probably going to consider taking their advice.

They might not even have to make a suggestion before you go out and buy it. You could just see it on them or notice them using it and be curious enough to try it out yourself. This is why Meghan Casserly writes that being a salesperson takes mentally putting the product aside and meeting the customer on a personal level in "The Five Sales Tactics Every Entrepreneur Must Master."

I don't think that includes popping up out of nowhere, when a customer seems content, and asking whether

everything's OK. The "needy boyfriend" routine never works — generally not even for needy boyfriends.

A major annoyance for grocery store customers is unfriendly or rude employees. Even though it may not seem rude to ask people if they need help, it can come off that way. Being able to read people is a valuable skill.

Whether you're a stalker or a grocery store employee, harassment doesn't work.

Find other ways to be helpful, or just readjust your approach. Shoppers will thank you, and I'm sure your boss will as well.

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Port seeks \$10 million for rail bridge upgrade

By Saul Hubbard
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EUGENE — The Port of Coos Bay will apply later this month for about \$10 million in federal grant funding to help refurbish five bridges on its 134-mile rail line, which runs from Eugene to Coquille.

The request is part of ongoing and costly efforts to rehabilitate the line into a viable freight shipping option, after it was abruptly closed by its previous private-sector owners in 2007.

The port will seek the new funds through the sixth round of the federal TIGER transportation grant program, which was created by the 2009 stimulus and was given \$600 million to distribute to projects this year under the latest federal budget bill. The port previously received \$13.5 million in TIGER funds for repairs to the rail line in 2010, but applied unsuccessfully for additional funds in 2011 and 2013.

The port bought the neglected rail line — called the Coos Bay Rail Link — for \$16.6 million in 2009 and has so far poured about \$31 million in state and

federal grants into repairing and upgrading it.

The Rail Link, operated for the port by privately owned Eugene-based ARG Trans, has seen substantial growth in its usage since it reopened in 2011. After moving 2,480 revenue-generating rail cars in 2012, the line moved 4,845 rail cars last year, and projects to move 6,600 to 7,200 cars this year, according to port officials. In 2007, its last year of operation under private ownership, it moved 6,650 cars.

Last year's usage meant that around 16,000 truckloads of commodities were diverted from local roads, port officials say.

The line is primarily used to transport wood products, but has been used to move sand, fertilizer for private timber lands, cattle feed and steel, said Martin Callery, the Port of Coos Bay's chief commercial officer.

"We've proven the case that rail is going to meet the needs of the (local) shippers," he said.

The revival saw the Rail Link be named "Short Line of the Year" by RailwayAge magazine earlier this month.

But the line still needs an estimated \$50 million in upgrades over the next few years to a series of bridges along the route, according to Callery.

Those projects are needed to ensure that every section of the line can continue to accommodate loaded railcars that weigh up to 286,000 pounds, the line's current maximum load, Callery said.

New federal rules passed in September 2012 require more frequent inspections of rail lines' load ratings.

"There are some bridges that we are concerned about," Callery said.

The bridges in need of upgrades include swing span bridges near North Bend, Reedsport and Cushman, a slough bridge near Coos Bay, and a viaduct in Vaughn, south of Noti.

The port already received \$10 million from state lawmakers last year for bridge upgrades. If successful in its \$10 million TIGER grant application, the port would chip away even more at its "top priority" repair projects on the bridges, Callery said.

The rehab work also could allow trains to run faster, he added, potentially widening the Rail Link's customer base. Along some stretches, trains on the Rail Link are now limited to traveling at under 10 miles per hour, while they can move at up to 25 mph on other parts of the line.

After operating initially under a temporary agreement, the port and the line's operator ARG Trans reached a long-term management contract last year.

Under that 10-year deal, ARG Trans keeps 82.5 to 90 percent of the line's gross revenues, with its percentage share decreasing — on a sliding scale — as the number of total revenue cars on the line increases. The port keeps the rest as a "franchise fee."

The port also charges shippers a surcharge on every rail car that uses the line. The per-car fee varies between \$35 and \$90 depending on distance traveled on the line and the commodity being shipped. The surcharge proceeds are dedicated to major upkeep projects on the line, for which the port bears sole responsibility under the contract.

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for Marriage's petition were garnered in person or on the Internet? Not really. What matters is the result.

No matter which cause is being discussed, there are activists who are willing to die for it and activists who shy away at the first hint of danger. Gladwell stated that a quarter of the protesters in the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project of 1964 dropped out after the murder of three of its activists, in order to prove his point that activism isn't for the faint of heart.

But we think we shouldn't judge people's commitment to a cause by their bravery or

"cowardice." If you're involved in a cause you care deeply about, and you're making a change, it doesn't matter if you make your change through the Internet or in person — though you're unlikely to effect much change if all you're doing is reposting Facebook statuses.

Some of us are inherently more courageous than others, more able to face down opposition or danger without faltering. That doesn't mean those people are somehow better or more committed than people on whom fear has a greater grip.

We're not downplaying the efforts and triumphs — in the past and in the present — of the "old" form of activism. Personal sacrifice, courage and strength of character are all still traits that are vital to modern

movements. But now, activists don't always have to dig down deep and find their sticking place, don't have to face down angry mobs or run from pickup trucks full of armed people. Now, people who faint at the sight of blood — or who can't risk leaving their family without a provider or protector — can get in on the action, too.

We may all be "created equal," and may even all be seen as equal in the eyes of the law one day, but we're not all the same.

If we were, there wouldn't be anything to fight for, or against.

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